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SUBJ: FAHMY PRESS CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 25

FOR THE SECRETARY

1. ALL CAIRO NEWSPAPERS FEB 26 CARRY ACCOUNT OF FAHMY'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT CAIRO AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM US FEB 25. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FAHMY SAID AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAD SHOWN MORE UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB VIEWS, AND PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD DEMONSTRATED APPRECAITION FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S ROLE. HE ADDED THAT THE MISSION ENTRUSTED TO HIM AND TO SAQQAF HAD SUCCEEDED. THIS MISSION WAS TO GET MOVEMENT STARTED ON SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT.

2. ON EGYPTIAN/AMERICAN RELATIONS, HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THEY ARE "DEVELOPING" AND "WE WELCOME" THIS DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THESE RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXTENT OF US PARTICIPATION IN ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IN THE AREA, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ASSURANCES, AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. BOTH GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR REPORT THAT FAHMY SAID
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IT IS PROBABLE THE SECRETARY WILL VISIT CAIRO MORE

THAN ONCE.

4. GUMHURIYYA, ON FRONT PAGE, QUOTES AP FROM MOSCOW AS SAYING THERE IS A "GREAT PROBABILITY" THAT GROMYKO WILL MEET THE SECRETARY IN CAIRO TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT.
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